Approved: March 25, 2008

Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on February 21, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Ward, Excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office Dianne Rosell, Revisor of Statutes Office Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department Chris Haug, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Tom Bryon, Kansas Association of Health Underwriters, Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman

Others Attending: See Attached List.

Tom Bryon, Kansas Association of Health Underwriters (KAHU), Legislative Affairs Committee Chairman gave a presentation on Recommendations for Health Care Reform. (<u>Attachment 1</u>) Mr. Bryon feels that many of the recommendations of the Kansas Health Policy Authority are commendable and KAHU plans on endorsing several of them. However, there is inadequate attention given to the factors increasing the cost of health insurance.

Chairperson Landwehr turned the committee's attention to <u>HB2721 - Board of cosmetology; licensing</u> <u>requirements</u>. There was discussion about the balloon amendment changes and although there were not many changes, once you make one change, it affects the other pages. Mary Lou Davis, Executive Director Kansas Board of Cosmetology spoke on the changes. There was more discussion regarding precautions and continuing education.

<u>Representative Storm moved that we accept the balloon, as amended. Representative Tietz seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative Storm moved that we pass **HB2721** favorably, as amended. Representative Neighbor seconded. The motion carried.</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting will be February 25, 2008.